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TOPIC Movements of Soviet Troop Trains at Altengrabow

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REMARKS

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1. On 18 February 1952, a troop train of 10 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-border black epaulets, and 10 gondola cars carrying 10 trucks, [redacted] left the Altengrabow (N 55/Z 00) railroad station for Neubrandenburg. The train carried no artillery pieces. The trucks and soldiers on the train belonged to an artillery unit in the North German Army. Altengrabow. *

2. The following shipments arrived in Altengrabow between 7 February and 2 March:

7 February. About 25 three-section pontoons which were hauled to the former filling plant of the ammunition depot.

10 February. About 15 three-section pontoons, which were also hauled to the former filling plant; and 30 boxcars with ammunition from Brest Litovsk.

12 February. 9:56 a.m. Four officers and 100 engineer soldiers aboard a regular passenger train Truck [redacted] of the same unit arrived by road.

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23 February. 2 p.m. A troop train of 10 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-border black epaulets, and 10 gondola cars carrying trucks [redacted] and

[redacted] from Neubrandenburg. No artillery pieces were on the train. *

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24 February. About 30 empty boxcars were shunted to the ammunition depot.

28 February. Three troop trains of 40 cars each, carrying a total of 36 x 76.2-mm AA guns and motor vehicles [redacted]. A troop

train of 40 cars carrying 6 x 45-mm AT guns with trucks [redacted]

[redacted] and 12 x 76.2-mm AA guns with trucks [redacted]

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29 February. A troop train of 40 cars carrying 12 x 76.2-mm AA guns towed by truck [redacted]

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A troop train of 40 cars carrying 16 x 45-mm AA guns towed by trucks [redacted]
 8 x 76.2-mm AA guns towed by trucks [redacted]

1 March. A troop train of 40 cars carrying 12 x 76.2-mm AA guns towed by trucks [redacted]

A troop train of 40 cars carrying 12 x 76.2-mm AA guns towed by trucks [redacted]

A troop train of 40 cars carrying 12 x 76.2-mm AA guns towed by trucks [redacted]

A troop train of 40 cars carrying 12 x 76.2-mm AA guns towed by trucks [redacted] and three other trucks mounting a machine gun.

2 March. A troop train of 40 cars carrying 12 x 76.2-mm AA guns towed by trucks [redacted]

A troop train of 40 cars carrying 12 x 122-mm guns towed by caterpillar tractors; and trucks [redacted]

The unit marched to the hutment. [redacted]
 A troop train of 40 cars carrying 12 x 76.2-mm AA guns towed by trucks [redacted]

A troop train of 40 cars carrying 12 x 76.2-mm AA guns towed by trucks [redacted]

A troop train of 40 cars carrying 4 x 82-mm rocket launchers on trucks [redacted]
 8 x 76.2-mm AA guns towed by trucks [redacted]

in the woods near Rodenkrug. [redacted] the troops were quartered [redacted]
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* Comment. The train on 18 February carried elements of the regiment of the 3d Gds (?) AT Arty Brig in Altengrabow, which probably participated in a command-post exercise of the Third Shock Army in the Neubrandenburg area and returned to Altengrabow on 23 February 1952. [redacted]

** Comment. According to [redacted] the material observed the following units were unloaded in Altengrabow:

12 February: an engineer unit of the LXXIX Itz Rifle Corps or of the Third Shock Army. The pontoons observed possibly belong to this unit.

28 February: AAA units of the 20th Gds Meck Div from Weimar and Jena. With some of the AA guns belonging to the division's unidentified guards AAA regiment, most of the AA guns came from other AAA components of the same division.

The first train on 29 February: components of the 2d Gds AA Div which [redacted]

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[redacted] left Potsdam on two trains on 28 February 1952. [redacted]

The second train on 29 February: components of the 13th AAA Div which [redacted]

[redacted] moved from Weimar to Altengrabow via Halle on 29 February 1952. [redacted]

The first train on 1 March: an AAA unit of the 10th Gds Tank Div, probably the 359th Gds AAA Regt from Kramnitz. [redacted]

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The second train on 1 March: an AAA unit, probably of the 10th Gds Tank Div.

The third and fourth trains on 1 March: AAA units of the 57th Gds Itz Rifle Div.

The first train on 2 March: elements of the unidentified guards AAA regiment of the 19th Gds Meck Div from Hillersleben.

The second train on 2 March: probably the same troop train carrying a unit of the unidentified artillery division in Potsdam which had left Wildpark for Altengrabow on 2 March 1952. [redacted]

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The third train on 2 March: an AA unit of the 1st Mecz Div, probably from
Deoboritz.

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The movements were probably short firing cycles held primarily by AAA units of
various divisions which belong to the Eighth Gds Army, the Third Shock Army, the
Second and Fourth Gds Mecz Armies and the IV Arty Corps.

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